

REMARKS

The amendments are believed to overcome the examiners rejections: In claim 1, the phrase "mutating an export carrier gene such that an export carrier with increased export activity is generated" has been deleted. As a result, claim 1 as amended is supported by the description.

The most important feature of the present invention is applicant's provision of the nucleotide sequence of the export carrier gene, SEQ ID NO 1, encoding the export carrier protein, SEQ ID NO 2.

All the other steps such as mutating or modifying a nucleotide sequence, here specifically the export carrier gene, or increasing the expression of a nucleotide sequence, here said export gene, are well known methods with which any person skilled in the art is versed: Classical mutagens is well-known in the art and certainly does not need described or explained in detail. It is disclosed for example in the laboratory manual of Maniatis et al. (1989, Molecular Cloning a Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory). Also, methods of modifying gene expression or increasing the number of gene copies are described in this reference. All these methods result in an increased activity of the protein encoded by nucleotide sequence. Again, it is therefore asserted that an explicit description of all the steps referred to in the specification or specific examples of an application, is not necessary.

It is believed that the remaining claims are fully supported by the specification.

Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of claim 1 and the dependent claims 2 - 8 and 10 - 14, 17, 20 is respectfully requested. It is noted that claims 43 and 46 - 48 stand allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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